

Landslide creates panic

A big portion of the pond-side land adjacent to the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall collapsed yesterday morning creating panic among the dormitory inmates, reports UNB.

The landslide occurred as the DU authorities were draining off the water of the pond to turn it into a lake.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury and Bangabandhu Hall Provost Prof Golam Rahman visited the spot immediately after the incident and directed the university engineers to take steps to check further landslide.

The abandoned pond has been a fertile breeding place of mosquito and emitting bad odor for long.

Attack on journalist in Satkhira

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Jan 12: Asoka Chowdhury, 32, Staff Reporter of 'Dauik Patradut' published from Satkhira town was seriously injured in an armed attack by a group of miscreants at about 12 noon on Thursday.

The left eye of the journalist was damaged in the attack while he was taking tea at a stall at Dhulhiva bazar under Satkhira sadar thana. He was rushed to the sadar hospital.

The alleged assailants were supporters of Asadul Haque, Chairman of Kulia Union Parishad of Debhata upazila, police said. They brought out a procession after the attack and chanted slogans in favour of Asadul Haque who was arrested from Jessore Airport in November last year.



Visitors at the National Flower Exhibition now being held at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city. The exhibition is being organised by Export Promotion Bureau (EPB). - Star photo

300-bed cancer hospital to be set up: Selim

The existing 50-bed cancer institute is likely to be converted into a 300-bed cancer hospital to provide modern treatment to the cancer patients, reports BSS.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said this at the 12th National Cancer Conference held in the city yesterday.

Selim pointed out that 200,000 people are attacked by deadly cancer every year of which 150,000 patients die.

While detailing government's plan in checking the deadly disease, the minister said the

government has already appointed Radiation Oncology experts in all medical college hospitals to diagnose cancer patients.

The government, he said, has also planned to appoint radiation oncologists in district level hospitals in phases.

Describing the cancer situation in the country as alarming, Selim underlined the need for creating awareness among the people through media.

He urged the people to supplement the government's efforts in facing deadly disease. Presided over by president of the Cancer Society Prof Sayed Fazlul Huq, the conference was also addressed by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah, former cabinet secretary Mahbub-uz-Zaman, secretary general of the society Dr M Shahadat Hoque and its member Shahabuddin Matlab.

Noted cancer specialist Prof K M Nazrul Islam presented the key-note paper in the conference.

State Minister for Health Dr Amanullah underscored the need for imparting higher training to all concerned physicians on cancer treatment.

He asked all concerned to create awareness among the people about the negative effects of tobacco, which is being regarded as a major causes of cancer.

2 killed as microbus plunges into Dakatia river

Two girls were killed when a microbus plunged into river Dakatia skidding off a ferry at Ichul terminal in Sadar upazila yesterday, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said, the Dhaka-bound microbus from Faridganj upazila slipped off the ferry at about 3:30 pm, leaving Tuni, 14, and Eli, 4, dead.

A spot account of the accident said other two of four on the journey - Eli's father and the driver - were not in the microbus during the mishap.

Flower exhibition begins

A five-day flower exhibition began at the Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) ground at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Commerce Minister M Abdul Jalil inaugurated the annual exhibition that put various types of flowers as well as herbs on display at a total of 45 stalls. The minister said the government has actively considering to provide 25 per cent cash incentive in the airfare of perishable export items including flowers.

Ershad should quit politics: Mizan

Veteran politician and chairman of a faction of Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury feels that former President Ershad being convicted by the highest court in a corruption case should quit politics on his own.

"Ershad should quit politics and not remain in the leadership of any political party after being convicted by the Supreme Court," Mizan told UNB while talking on a recent topic of

grafting the two parts of JP.

When asked about a rumour about merger of the two factions of Jatiya Party, Chowdhury said he did not have any knowledge. But the seasoned politician hastened to add "Politics is not a steel-framed lock."

Rowshan Ershad is there to take charge of the party, the chief of Jatiya Party (M-M) said phoning in a smile.

Looking back, Chowdhury,

who had led united Jatiya Party during Ershad's jail period after his fall, in-between 1990 and 1996, said in a note of sarcasm, "Ershad thinks that he is a popular man and came out of jail in 1997 with the help of lawyers."

After Ershad was sent to jail following a verdict of the Supreme Court on November 20 in the Janata Tower corruption case,

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Frontiers in Reproductive Health Country Fellowship Population Council Dhaka, Bangladesh

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SUPPORT : National Level consolidated stipend
LOCATION : Dhaka, Bangladesh
ASSIGNMENT LENGTH : 12 months

DESCRIPTION

The Population Council is seeking a Frontiers in Reproductive Health Country Fellow with recent post-graduate degree to serve in its office in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This award is intended for recent doctoral graduates with a background in population, reproductive health or economic studies, who are aspiring to a career in health/development. Preference will be given to those who have previous research experience in the evaluation of health care/developmental programs. The Fellow will work in collaboration with multiple partners including Directorate of Family Planning, National Institute of Population Research and Training, Institute of Health Economic Research, Dhaka University, local non-governmental organizations, other researchers, policymakers, program managers and donors. The program seeks to develop the skills and knowledge of young professionals. The Fellow is required to develop a program of work, including a statement of goals and aspirations for the Fellowship.

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- To participate in the conduct of a training workshop on Operations Research and Economic Evaluation of innovative reproductive health programs.
- To monitor experimental interventions related to adolescent and male reproductive health and family planning services.
- To participate and collaborate with other Population Council staff engaged in various research activities.

The Fellow will be encouraged to focus on one broad research topic as his/her area of concentration.

QUALIFICATIONS/BACKGROUND

- Recent Ph.D degree and at least one year of research experience in health, family planning or economics. In exceptional cases advanced doctoral candidates will be considered.
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- Strong written and oral skills in English are essential, written and spoken fluency in Bangla is an added advantage.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Willingness to travel both with in and outside country, as required.

APPLICATIONS

If you are interested in applying for this fellowship, please send a cover letter and resume to Dipak Kumar Shil, Administrative Manager, Population Council, House # CES (B) 21, Road # 118, Gulshan, Dhaka-1212 by 4 February, 2001.

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